

**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Docket No.  
W-2382Prior Application Examiner  
C. PaulrajArt Unit  
1773**To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents:**

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Takayuki ARAKI and Yoshiharu TOSHIMA

corresponding to patent application 09/585,269, filed June 2, 2000, entitled: SURFACE-MODIFIED NICKEL FINE POWDER.

Enclosed are:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11 pages of specification.
<input type="checkbox"/>	sheets of formal drawings.
<input type="checkbox"/>	a newly-executed declaration of the inventors.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a copy of an executed declaration of the inventors from prior application Serial No. 09/585,269, filed June 2, 2000.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	incorporation by reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied as indicated in the preceding box, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The prior application was assigned to Mitsui Mining and Smelting Co., Ltd., in an assignment recorded on June 2, 2000 on Reel 010843, frame 0911.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449.
<input type="checkbox"/>	copies of the Information Disclosure Statement citations.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	preliminary amendment.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	return receipt postcard (MPEP 503), specifically itemized.
<input type="checkbox"/>	a verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.
<input type="checkbox"/>	a verified statement to establish small entity status filed in prior application. Status is still proper and desired.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The certified copy of foreign application No. 11-156737, filed June 3, 1999, in Japan has been filed in prior application Serial No. 09/585,269, filed June 2, 2000.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	other: Application Data Sheet.

If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information.

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of prior application No. 09/585,269, filed June 2, 2000.

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